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For: LIGAND BASED SOLUTION ASSAY
FOR LOW CONCENTRATION
ANALYTES

Examiner: G. Counts

Group Art Unit: 1641

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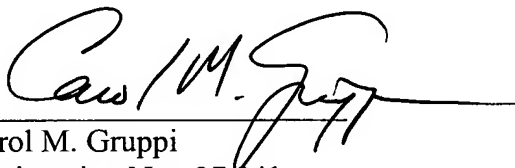
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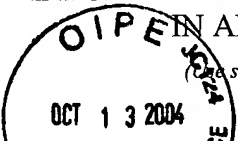
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